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Corps of Engineers gets request from city of Lewisville for park lease

The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has received a request from the city of Lewisville for a Park and Recreation lease for East Copperas Branch Park, also known as Tower Bay. The city currently leases Lewisville Lake Park from the Corps.

East Copperas Branch Park consists of approximately 40 acres of land, and is located immediately north of the city's existing Lewisville Lake Park lease and includes a boat ramp, restroom, paved roads and parking areas.

East Copperas Branch Park is currently being operated by the Corps of Engineers. Should the Corps approve of the request, the operation, maintenance and development of the park will become the responsibility of the city of Lewisville. The lease request indicates that the city will not change the daily operation and function of the park from its current status. The city has also agreed to honor the Corps' annual day-use pass at the launching ramp for the remainder of this year. There are approximately 20 privately-owned boat houses along the park's shoreline, and, as a condition of the lease, these facilities will be allowed to remain in their present location and free and open access to owners and their guests will be permitted by the city.

The Corps of Engineers is accepting written public comments on this request until Friday, March 17, 2000. Questions or comments should be addressed to the Lake Manager, Lewisville Lake, 1801 N. Mill Street, Lewisville, Texas 75057-1821. The Lake Manager can be reached at (972) 434-1666, or by fax at (972) 434-1419.